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SUBJECT: AUDIENCE WITH SHAH APRIL 5

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SUMMARY: AFTER APRIL 5 PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS EXPECT HAVE PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SHAH. I PLAN LISTEN BUT IF SUBJECT OF PAKISTAN AND SHAH'S CONCERNS REGARDING US/ USSR NEGOTIATIONS COME UP THIS WILL BE GOOD OCCASION TO PASS ON ANY THOUGHTS WE HAVE REGARDING PAKISTAN AS BHUTTO ARRIVING TEHRAN APRIL 7 AND TO REASSURE SHAH TOTAL ERA OF NEGOTIATION WITH MOSCOW DOES NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY LESSENING OF TIES WITH IRAN. END SUMMARY. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE BY OPEN OF BUSINESS APRIL 4 SUMMARY OF OUR ECONOMIC AID TO PAKISTAN IN LAST 18 MONTHS, HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENTLY REVISED ANNOUNCED ARMS POLICY TO PAKISTAN AND ANY OTHER POINTS DEPT OR ISLAMABAD THINK USEFUL TO PASS TO SHAH REGARDING BHUTTO VISIT.

1. ON MORNING APRIL 5 I WILL BE PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS TO SHAH. THIS OCCASION TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER AUDIENCES BEING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL DURING VISITS OF DEPSEC RUSH AND GENERALS GOODPASTER AND RYAN WILL PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT TO SHAH MESSAGES OR
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THOUGHTS WE MAY HAVE ON: (A) US/ IRANIAN RELATIONS, (B) DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND, (C) ROLE IRAN CAN PLAY IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

2. AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY SHAH'S CUSTOM IS TO TAKE AMBASSADOR ASIDE AFTER CEREMONIALS FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATION. THIS BEING MY FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING WITH SHAH AS AMBASSADOR, MY INTENTION IS TO LISTEN TO WHAT SHAH HAS TO SAY. I ANTICIPATE SHAH, AS IS HIS CUSTOM, WILL TAKE ME ON ONE OF HIS " TOUR D' HORIZONS". WITH BHUTTO EXPECTED IN TOWN APRIL 7, PAKISTAN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME UP. SHAH WILL PROBABLY CHIDE US FOR NOT HELPING BHUTTO ADEQUATELY. IF SO, I PLAN REMIND SHAH OF ALL WE HAVE DONE ECONOMICALLY FOR PAKISTAN IN LAST YEAR OR SO AND OF RECENT DECISION TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO ON MILITARY ITEMS FROZEN IN PIPELINE SINCE 1971. TO THIS END WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING BY MORNING APRIL 4 LOCAL TIME BREAKDOWN OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN FOR LAST 18 MONTHS AND MAIN POINTS OF OUR PRESENT ARMS POLICY TOWARDS PAKISTAN AND INDIA.

3. IN ADDITION GIVEN SHAH'S CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BHUTTO AND INFLUENCE ON PAK PRESIDENT, ARE THERE ANY POINTS REGARDING PAKISTAN WHICH DEPT OR ISLAMABAD THINK I COULD USEFULLY PUT TO SHAH FOR HIS TALKS WITH BHUTTO.

4. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED ZAHEDI'S DESCRIPTION OF SHAH'S CONCERNS, WE BELIEVE THIS TO REFLECT SHAH'S WORRY OVER TREND OF EVENTS IN THIS AREA WHICH HE CONSIDERS HOSTILE TO IRANIAN INTERESTS AND HIS NEED FOR PERIODIC REASSURANCE THAT HE IS NOT ISOLATED, THAT HE CAN COUNT ON CONTINUED US INTEREST IN IRAN AND THAT ANY DETENTE ACHIEVED BETWEEN US AND USSR WILL NOT WORK TO IRAN'S DISADVANTAGE.

5. IF SUBJECT COMES UP I PROPOSE MAKE SAME POINTS AS DEPSEC RUSH MADE TO ZAHEDI AND ASSURE HIM THAT WE HAVE NOT AND WOULD NOT DISCUSS IRAN/ US RELATIONS WITH USSR WITHOUT IRAN'S FULL KNOWLEDGE.

6. FINALLY, AT APPROPRIATE TIME I SHALL MENTION
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PRESIDENT'S DEEP INTEREST IN HAVING SHAH AND EMPRESS

PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING 1973.
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